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ABSTRACT

OF THE

JOURNAL OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The New Hampshire Annual Conference of the M. E. Church commenced its thirty-fourth Annual Session at Haverhill, Mass., April 8, 1863.

Religious services, consisting of reading the Scriptures, singing, prayer, and the communion of the Lord's Supper, were conducted by Bishop Baker, assisted by several members of the Conference.

The roll of the Conference was called by the Secretary of last year.

L. Howard was re-elected Secretary, and J. Currier and N. Culver, Assistants.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to nominate the Standing Committees, and reported as follows: —

On Public Worship — L. Howard, C. Holman.

Stewards and Preachers' Aid Society — Jas. Adams, H. H. Hartwell, Geo. N. Bryant, A. C. Manson, Jas. M. Bean, H. A. Matteson.

Publishing the Minutes — J. W. Guernsey.

Education — C. M. Dinsmore, C. Young, R. S. Stubbs, Henry Lummis, S. P. Heath, Jesse Wagner, O. H. Call, D. C. Babcock.

Sunday Schools — Geo. S. Dearborn, E. A. Smith, J. L. Trefren, A. P. Hatch, Wm. H. Thomas, D. W. Barber, G. W. T. Rogers.

Missions — C. Holman, Wm. D. Cass, E. Adams.

Time for Taking Collections — L. W. Prescott, J. Fawcett, N. L. Chase.

Temperance — J. M. Buckley, A. J. Church, R. Tilton, S. Green, R. W. Humphriss, L. L. Eastman.

Bible Cause — C. H. Smith, E. Smith, C. H. Chase, I. Taggart, N. Martin, G. F. Eaton.

Tobacco — J. W. Adams, H. B. Copp, S. Quimby, N. M. Bailey, M. T. Cilley.

Statistics — S. G. Kellogg, L. J. Hall.

State of the Country — O. H. Jasper, S. Beedle, S. Holman, L. P. Cushman, N. Culver, C. R. Harding.

N. H. Conf. Seminary and Female College — Jas. Thurston, J. Hall, D. P. Leavitt, D. J. Smith, J. Hooper, G. S. Dearborn.

Slavery — R. Dearborn, R. E. Danforth, Wm. Hewes, Wm. H. Jones, G. W. H. Clark, C. U. Dunning.

Parsonages — C. R. Homan, T. L. Fowler, J. P. Stinchfield, A. C. Hardy, Abram Folsom.

Ministerial Support — N. Green, J. B. Holman, Hon. T. L. Tullock, Portsmouth; Hon. N. S. Berry, Hebron; Hon. A. F. Fiske, Marlow; J. B. Chapman, Esq., Nashua; I. E. Chase, M.D., Haverhill, Mass.; B. F. Cass, Esq., Sanbornton Bridge.

Memoirs — E. Scott.

The following drafts were ordered: —

On the Book Concern	$400
On the Chartered Fund	30

Circulars were read from the Wesleyan University, the Book Concern, the Tract Society, and the Sunday School Union.

A. P. Hatch was appointed Assistant Treasurer of the Preachers' Aid Society.

Took up the 2d Question of the Minutes.

At 2 P. M., J. Fawcett preached a sermon from John xix. 26, 27.

At 7½ P. M., the Conference Sermon was preached by D. P. Leavitt, from 1 Thess. ii. 4.

Thursday, April 9, 8 A. M.

Conference was opened with religious services, conducted by A. Folsom.

Ordered, That the money contributed by the various churches for the N. E. Education Society be reported among the other collections.

L. L. Eastman notified the Conference of the following bequests by the late Adam Penniman, of Peterboro', which were referred to the Conference Trustees: —

To the Biblical Institute	$ 100
To the Preachers' Aid Society	1,000
To the Missionary Society	300
To the S. S. Union	300
	$1,700

The donation to the Preachers' Aid and Missionary Society to be funded, and the annual income to be used — the others are for immediate use.

J. Hall presented a memorial from Mrs. Sarah K. Thurston, of Northfield, which was referred to a committee, consisting of J. Thurston, R. Dearborn, E. Scott.

Rev. S. A. Cushing, of the N. E. Conference, was introduced.

Took up the 7th Question of the Minutes.

Rev. Messrs. Ely, of the Providence Conference, and McCullum, of the Congregational Church, Bradford, were introduced to the Conference.

Ordered, That all reports of Estimating Committees of Superannuated Preachers, Widows and Orphans, be referred to the Conference Stewards.

The death of E. Mason being announced, his P. E. and others made interesting remarks on the excellence of his character and the triumph of his death.

S. Holman, in behalf of the Trustees of the N. H. Conference Seminary and Female College, made a verbal report, which, after a protracted debate, was laid on the table.

At 2 P. M., C. S. Harrington preached from Matt. xvi. 24.

The evening was devoted to an Educational Meeting, which was addressed by H. Lummis, A. J. Church, C. S. Harrington, and L. D. Barrows.

FRIDAY, April 10.

Conference was opened with religious services by S. Quimby. Took up the 7th Question of the Minutes.

L. D. Barrows made some remarks on the objects and claims of the N. E. Education Society.

A report was read from the Treasurer, and one from the Trustees of the M. G. B. Institute.

Took up the question of the Location of the Seminary, which was debated by various speakers, and finally fixed at Sanbornton.

The Committee of the Preachers' Aid Society presented a report, which was adopted.

At 2 P. M., Jas. Thurston preached from Luke vi. 12.

At 7½ P. M., the Sunday School Society held its Anniversary in the Town Hall. Addresses were made by Geo. S. Dearborn, S. Beedle and R. S. Stubbs.

SATURDAY, April 11.

Conference was opened with religious services by J. F. Adams.

Wm. H. Thomas, D. C. Babcock, J. M. Bean, A. C. Hardy, and M. T. Cilley, candidates for admission into full connection, were called up by Bishop Baker and appropriately addressed on the great responsibilities they were about to assume, and the manner in which they are to be met.

To the question — Do you use Tobacco? all the candidates responded No.

Rev. Mr. Willey, agent of the American Bible Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference on the subject of his agency.

Took up the 3d Question of the Minutes.

The following persons, being duly recommended, were elected to the office of Local Deacon: — J. C. Hoyt, Hiram L. Kelsey, Ezekiel Richardson.

A resolution was adopted, that the Chair appoint a Committee of five, to be approved by the Conference, to examine and adjust all claims for damages arising from the removal of the seat of the Conference Seminary.

William D. Cass was appointed agent to procure a title to the proposed site for the Conference Seminary.

The Committee of the Preachers' Aid Society presented a report, which was adopted.

Rev. C. Holman, Presiding Elder of Dover District, gave an account of the state of affairs on his District. A high tribute was paid to his official and Christian character.

The Effective Elders on Dover District passed in review without censure, except William H. Jones, whose case was referred to a Committee of three, to be appointed by the Chair.

William D. Cass, Presiding Elder on Concord District, gave an account of the state of the District, and his character was fully endorsed by various preachers on the District.

The character of the Effective Elders on Concord District was examined, and no objection was made.

Elisha Adams, Presiding Elder on Claremont District, gave an account of the District, and was highly spoken of by various preachers. The character of all the Effective Elders on the District passed without objection, except that of W. F. Evans, which was referred to a Committee of three.

Amos Kidder was given a superannuated relation at his own request.

The S. S. Committee presented the Annual Report.

The Statistical Committee reported.

The Chairman of the Board of Stewards reported the apportionments to the various Conference claimants, which was adopted, and the money was distributed.

Ordered, That the amount appropriated to Justin Spaulding be put into the hands of the preacher in charge on Moretown Circuit, Vt. Conference, to be paid quarterly for his benefit.

Rev. Dr. Durbin, of New York, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, and Rev. Messrs. Hanaford and Ingalls of the N. E. Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

H. H. Hartwell presented the following resolution:—

Resolved, That we will do our best to raise the sum of $800 for the Conference claimants the coming Conference year. And this amount to be apportioned to the several appointments by the Presiding Elders, and the said apportionment to be published in the Minutes.

The Committee on the case of W. F. Evans presented a report, which was adopted.

2 P. M. The candidates for admission into full connection related their experience and call to the ministry.

7½ P. M. The Anniversary of the Missionary Society was held in the Town Hall. Addresses were made by J. M. Buckley and Dr. Durbin.

SUNDAY, April 12.

9 A. M. Conference Love Feast was held in the Town Hall.

10½ A. M. Bishop Baker preached and ordained the Deacons.

2 P. M. Dr. Durbin preached, and the ordination of the Elders followed.

7½ P. M. J. M. Buckley preached, in the Town Hall.

Many pulpits in Haverhill and the surrounding towns were occupied by members of the Conference.

MONDAY, April 13.

8 A. M. Conference opened with religious services by M. Newhall.

The Committee on the Bible Cause presented a report, with a preamble and resolutions, which were adopted.

The Committee on the Memorial of Mrs. Sarah K. Thurston presented a report, which was adopted.

The Committee on the case of W. F. Evans presented a report, which was adopted.

A report from the Committee on the N. H. Conference Seminary and Female College was presented and adopted.

The Chair nominated J. Currier, S. G. Kellogg, O. H. Jasper, N. Green, and James M. Bean, a Committee to adjust all claims for indemnification arising from the removal of the N. H. Conference Seminary and Female College. The nomination was confirmed by the Conference.

From the Committee on the case of Wm. H. Jones, a majority and minority report were presented. A debate arose on motion to adopt the majority report. Finally, a motion to recommit prevailed.

Took up the 1st Question of the Minutes.

Thomas L. Fowler was made superannuated at his request.

Took up Question 16.

On motion of R. S. Stubbs, *Resolved*, That the Committee on publishing the Minutes be requested to insert in the Minutes the Conference resolution, that no member of this Conference shall be permitted to arrest the character of a fellow-member on the floor of Conference, without giving him previous notice of the intention to do so.

Ordered, That the Preacher at Peterboro' receive the Penniman Donation, receipt for it, and distribute it according to the bequest.

The Committee on Tobacco reported.

Dr. Durbin addressed the Conference on the subject of Missions.

J. P. Magee addressed the Conference in behalf of the Tract and Sunday-school cause.

The Committee on the case of William H. Jones presented a report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Temperance presented a report, which was adopted.

2 P. M. J. Thurston in the chair. Religious services by R. S. Stubbs.

Bishop Baker took the chair.

The Committees on Education, the State of the Country, Parsonages, Ministerial Support, Memoirs, and Slavery, presented reports, which were adopted.

S. Holman and J. Thurston offered the following resolution, which was adopted: —

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that the Trustees of N. H. Conference Seminary and Female College proceed to erect the contemplated buildings for the use of the Institution, as soon as the necessary means can be obtained, and the changes in the charter secured.

After the Memoir of Brother Mason was read, the Bishop made some appropriate remarks on the death of the deceased, and the Conference united in singing the 957th Hymn.

Resolutions were passed, thanking the people of Haverhill for their kind entertainment of the Conference, and to the several railroad companies who favored it by a reduction of fare.

Hon. T. L. Tullock, Esq., was appointed a Committee to secure a donation from the State of $10,000 for rebuilding the Seminary.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to appoint delegates to fraternizing bodies.

The Bishop presented the certificate of the transfer of Rev. S. E. Quimby from the Vermont Conference.

BISHOPS OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

T. A. Morris, D. D.	Springfield, O.
Edmund S. Janes, D. D.	New York.
Levi Scott, D. D.	Wilmington, Del.
M. Simpson, D. D.	Evanston, Ill.
O. C. Baker, D. D.	Concord, N. H.
E. R. Ames, D. D.	Indianapolis, Ind.
Francis Burns	Missionary Bishop for Africa.

MINUTES.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

I. Who are received on Trial?

James A. DeForrest, George S. Noyes, Anson C. Coult, Hiram L. Kelsey, Richard Harcourt, Ezekiel Richardson, Church Tabor.

II. Who remain on Trial?

Henry Lummis, Jesse Wagner, S. S. Dudley, Luther T. Townsend.

III. Who are admitted into Full Connection?

Wm. H. Thomas, Daniel C. Babcock, Moses T. Cilley, James M. Bean, A. C. Hardy.

IV. Who are the Deacons?

A. P. Hatch, Freeman Ryder, George F. Eaton, Moses Sherman, F. K. Stratton, Truman Carter, H. B. Copp, T. L. Fowler, R. M. Manly, N. M. Bailey, Moses T. Cilley,* Anthony C. Hardy.*

V. Who have been Elected and Ordained Elders this year?

Joseph Fawcett, George C. Thomas, Samuel F. Whidden, James M. Buckley.

VI. Who have Located this year?

None.

VII. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

Orlando Hinds, J. F. Adams, J. A. Scarritt, Samuel Norris, Justin Spaulding, Warren Wilbur, Elihu Scott, Charles Cowing, M. Newhall, John Smith, James G. Smith, Daniel Lee, L. H. Gordon, George F. Wells, James M. Young, Henry Nutter, J. Clough, J. Stevens, C. B. M. Woodward, J. Boyden, S. Wiggin, A. K. Howard, R. Newhall, Amos Kidder, Thomas L. Fowler.

VIII. Who have been expelled from the Connection this year?

None.

IX. Who have withdrawn from the Connection this year?

None.

X. Were all the Preachers' Characters examined?

This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

XI. Who have Died this year?

Elijah Mason.

* Those who are marked thus (*) were ordained this year.

XII. What is the Number of Church Members?

In full Connection	10,624
On Probation	1,707
Total	12,331

XIII. What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers?

Answer $1,775 00

XIV. What amount has been collected on the foregoing Account, and how has it been applied?

Answer.	From Preachers' Aid Society	$564 11
	From Book Concern	400 00
	Chartered Fund	30 00
	Interest on ex-Governor Page's Donation	3 00
	Interest on Mrs. Hardy's Bequest	3 00
		$1,000 11

Applied as follows:—

Justin Spaulding	$112 00	Abraham Folsom	$28 00
J. A. Scarritt	56 00	Henry Chandler	14 00
Orlando Hinds	112 00	Widow Heath	56 00
Warren Wilbur	56 00	" Prescott	56 00
M. Newhall	56 00	" Drew	28 00
John Smith	28 00	" Blake	84 00
Silas Wiggin	28 00	" McLaughlin	56 00
Daniel Lee	56 00	" Hewes	28 00
Warren F. Evans	84 00	" Eastman	28 00
Charles Cowing	28 00		

XV. What amount has been Contributed?

Missions, by the Churches	$2,482 88	Sunday School Union	$192 65
Tract Society	162 09	Bible Society	326 19

XVI. Where shall the next Conference be held?

At Lebanon, N. H.

XVII. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

DOVER DISTRICT.

A. C. Manson, *Presiding Elder.* (P. O. Portsmouth.)

Dover	Linville J. Hall.
Great Falls, High Street	Charles Young.
" Main St. and Salmon Falls	Cadford M. Dinsmore.
Rochester	Calvin Holman.
Union	Hiram L. Kelsey.

New Market	J. Lewis Trefren.
South New Market	Eleazer Smith.
Greenland	George S. Barnes.
Rye	To be supplied by Wm. H. Stewart.
Portsmouth	Sullivan Holman.
Hampton	Samuel F. Whidden.
Seabrook	Freeman Ryder.
East Salisbury, Mass.	Charles R. Harding.
Amesbury, "	Elijah R. Wilkins.
Haverhill, "	R. W. Humphriss.
West Haverhill, "	James A. DeForrest.
Methuen, " and Pelham	Joshua B. Holman.
Lawrence, " Haverhill St.	Robert S. Stubbs.
" " Garden St.	Andrew J. Church.
Hudson	William Hewes.
Salem	Irad Taggart.
" Pleasant Street	Dan'l C. Babcock, L. T. Townsend.
North Salem	John W. Adams.
Derry	Rufus Tilton.
Londonderry	Oloff H. Call.
Kingston	Samuel Beedle.
Sandown and Danville	Henry Chandler.
Hampstead	George W. T. Rogers.
Raymond and Fremont	James Adams.
Epping	Abraham Folsom.
Deerfield	Josiah P. Stinchfield.
Candia	Nathaniel L. Chase.
Chester	To be supplied.
Auburn	Henry B. Copp.

Frank K. Stratton, Chaplain of the Eleventh Regiment N. H. Volunteers, member of Portsmouth Quarterly Conference.

CONCORD DISTRICT.

ELISHA ADAMS, *Presiding Elder.* (P. O. Concord.)

Concord	Dudley P. Leavitt, J. M. Buckley.
Chichester	Moses T. Cilley.
Loudon	Silas Green.
Suncook	Lewis Howard.
Hooksett	Supplied by J. T. Hand.
Bow	To be supplied by George W. Carr.
Manchester, First Church	Hiram A. Matteson.
" St. Paul's	Jonathan Hall.
Fisherville	Daniel J. Smith.
Salisbury	W. D. Cass.

West Salisbury and Warner	To be supplied.
Webster	To be supplied.
Wilmot and Sutton	To be supplied by Geo. W. Norris.
Bristol	George N. Bryant.
Alexandria and Hebron	To be supplied by Jas. Mowry Bean.
Sanbornton Bridge	Orlando H. Jasper, J. Pike.
Gilmanton	Moses Sherman.
East Sanbornton	Richard Harcourt.
Laconia	Wm. H. Thomas.
Plymouth	Nelson Green.
Rumney	John English.
Warren	Josiah Hooper.
Haverhill, East Haverhill, & Piermont.	Chas. H. Chase; one to be supplied.
North Haverhill	George S. Noyes.
Bath and Benton	Joseph Fawcett.
Landaff	James M. Bean.
Lisbon and Lyman	George S. Dearborn.
Monroe	To be supplied.
Littleton	Silas E. Quimby.
Bethlehem and Whitefield	Lewis P. Cushman.
Jefferson, Carroll, and Dalton	Truman Carter.
Lancaster	Simeon P. Heath.
Stratford, Stark, and Milan	Church Tabor.
Columbia	Daniel W. Barber.
Sandwich	John Currier.
Tuftonboro' and Wolfboro'	Nelson Martin.
Moultonboro'	Charles R. Homan.
South Tamworth	To be supplied by Hollis Kendall.

Calvin S. Harrington, Professor of Greek Literature in Wesleyan University, member of Sanbornton Bridge Quarterly Conference.

Joseph C. Emerson, Chaplain of Seventh Regiment of N. H. Volunteers, member of Fisherville Quarterly Conference.

Henry Lummis, Principal of N. H. Conference Seminary and Female College, member Sanbornton Bridge Quarterly Conference.

Ralza M. Manly, Chaplain of Sixteenth Regiment of N. H. Volunteers, member of Sanbornton Bridge Quarterly Conference.

CLAREMONT DISTRICT.

JAMES THURSTON, *Presiding Elder.* (P. O. Concord.)

Claremont	Henry H. Hartwell.
Newport	Silas G. Kellogg.
Unity	To be supplied by A. C. Dutton.
North Charlestown	Silas Quimby.

Cornish	Supplied by J. H. Griffin.
Sunapee and Newbury	Joseph Hayes.
Croydon	Anthony C. Hardy.
North Grantham	To be supplied by Richard Newhall.
Lebanon	Ebenezer A. Smith.
North Enfield	Newell Culver.
Enfield Centre and Springfield	To be supplied.
Canaan	Reuben Dearborn.
East Canaan	Charles U. Dunning.
Washington	To be supplied by C. Dingman.
Hillsborough Centre	To be supplied by H. W. Ackerly.
Hillsborough Bridge	To be supplied by H. D. Kimball.
Henniker	Nelson M. Bailey.
Deering and Antrim	Charles H. Smith.
Windsor and Stoddard	To be supplied.
Lempster	Jesse Wagner.
South Ackworth	To be supplied.
New Alstead and Gilsum	A. C. Coult.
Marlow	Alonzo P. Hatch.
Surry and Walpole	To be supplied.
Keene	R. Edmund Danforth.
Chesterfield	To be supplied by T. L. Fowler.
Winchester	Joseph W. Guernsey.
Hinsdale	Lucien W. Prescott.
Marlborough and Pottersville	Samuel S. Dudley.
Peterborough	Larned L. Eastman.
Rindge	Lorenzo Draper.
New Ipswich	To be supplied.
Brookline and Amherst	George F. Eaton.
Nashua, Lowell Street	George W. H. Clark.
" Chestnut Street	Wm. H. Jones.
Goffstown	To be supplied.

J. H. McCarty, transferred to the Providence Conference, and stationed at Mathewson Street Church, Providence.

George H. Thomas, transferred to Troy Conference.

Ezekiel Richardson, transferred to Baltimore Conference, and stationed on Summerfield Circuit.

STATISTICS OF DOVER DISTRICT, NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE, FOR 1863.

Circuits and Stations.	NUMBERS.				BAP'MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				Rent.	Estimates.	Receipts.
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Preach.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages	Probable Value.	Conference Claimants.	Missionary Society.	Tract Soc.	Bible Soc.	S. S. Union	N. E. Education.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.			
Dover	278	1	18	2	1	5	1	$6,000	1	$1,500	37 00	110 00	8 00	12 50	5 00	....	1	37	270	600	$100	$700	$700
Great Falls, High St...	239	5	42	....	5	1	1	8,600	1	1,700	8 00	28 75	3 00	6 30	3 00	....	1	31	130	418	100	550	550
" Main St. & Salm. F'ls	122	....	19	....	....	....	1	8,000	1	675	3 00	18 00	.....	9 41	.....	....	1	24	170	480	.....	.....	.....
Rochester	337	5	50	3	20	....	1	3,300	1	3,000	25 00	100 00	9 00	8 00	4 00	....	1	25	234	700	150	670	670
Union	63	....	12	....	16	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	10	70	200	55	350	308 30
Newmarket	113	4	16	....	12	1	1	3,000	1	1,000	12 00	25 00	3 00	5 00	4 50	....	1	12	100	300	75	500	500
So. Newmarket	85	2	17	1	3	....	1	3,000	1	1,100	1 37	35 00	85	2 00	3 20	....	1	11	76	282	79	400	400
Greenland	90	1	12	....	....	....	1	2,600	1	1,700	4 00	35 60	.....	.....	2 15	....	1	14	80	500	75	450	450
Rye	44	....	12	....	....	....	1	2,000	1	800	4 47	10 00	1 00	8 00	1 10	....	1	9	48	200	60	350	280
Portsmouth	300	2	20	2	13	7	1	7,000	....	.....	70 00	152 00	7 50	7 50	28 00	25 00	1	30	200	500	.....	750	750
Hampton	57	....	17	....	1	....	1	1,200	1	700	7 00	25 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 20	1	18	65	660	.....	375	380
Seabrook	59	1	32	....	....	....	1	2,500	1	900	1 75	5 00	50	.....	.....	....	1	20	125	650	50	400	400
East Salisbury, Mass.	135	2	10	....	....	....	1	3,750	1	3,000	11 75	5 60	3 00	.....	1 15	....	1	25	180	650	140	500	500
Amesbury, Mass.	75	....	2	1	....	3	1	2,000	....	.....	.....	16 60	.....	.....	2 00	....	....	....	....	.....	100	500	500
Haverhill, Mass.	196	4	18	2	....	....	1	10,000	....	.....	17 75	67 50	8 12	9 18	10 00	8 10	1	32	175	600	100	600	600
W. Haverhill, Mass.	25	....	6	....	3	....	....	.....	....	.....	14 00	11 65	.....	.....	.....	....	1	8	35	300	.....	.....	.....
Methuen, Mass.	89	....	2	....	4	....	....	.....	....	.....	7 51	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	1	12	75	500	.....	400	400
Lawrence, Haverhill St.	277	3	25	1	8	4	1	10,000	1	3,000	23 00	70 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	....	1	32	190	404	150	800	800
" Garden St...	141	3	21	1	4	2	1	12,000	....	.....	16 00	60 00	3 50	2 00	5 00	2 00	1	26	200	600	150	700	700
Pelham	15	1	8	1	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	93	.....	94	.....	1 72	1	8	70	275	.....	200	200
Hudson	80	....	26	1	....	....	1	1,000	1	800	4 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	50	400	400
Salem	79	2	15	....	1	....	1	3,000	1	1,200	10 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	....	1	16	80	350	100	500	500
Salem, Pleasant St.	27	....	3	....	....	....	1	4,500	....	.....	.....	21 35	.....	.....	.....	....	1	14	110	350	.....	300	300
North Salem	61	1	29	....	....	2	1	1,400	1	1,400	2 70	4 53	1 00	1 00	.....	....	1	13	83	520	58	400	400
Derry	62	2	2	2	2	....	1	1,500	....	.....	3 00	6 25	.....	.....	.....	....	1	10	75	350	30	375	300
Londonderry	84	....	28	1	....	....	1	2,300	....	.....	3 00	10 00	.....	5 00	3 00	....	1	16	140	400	35	400	400
Kingston	54	2	22	1	....	....	1	1,000	....	.....	2 00	8 00	1 50	1 35	.....	....	1	15	85	375	72	350	350
Danville	51	1	8	1	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	2 30	5 15	2 25	65	60	60	1	6	24	50	.....	.....	200
Sandown	46	1	6	....	....	....	1	1,500	1	1,000	.....	5 35	.....	3 46	1 00	....	1	13	60	200	50	350	.....
Hampstead	54	....	14	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	1 40	8 30	1 60	80	1 12	....	1	14	108	383	32½	350	315
Raymond and Fremont	148	3	21	....	....	....	1	1,600	1	800	5 00	25 00	1 75	1 50	.....	....	1	15	84	400	75	400	400
Epping	43	1	3	....	....	....	1	425	1	400	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	....	1	10	55	250	.....	200	200
Deerfield	36	1	7	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	1	12	60	100	42	350	350
Candia	46	1	6	....	....	....	1	3,000	....	.....	3 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	....	1	11	68	230	40	400	400
Chester	56	1	14	1	3	....	1	1,000	....	.....	.....	4 60	1 00	.....	.....	....	2	20	134	400	.....	150	200
Auburn	37	1	9	....	1	....	1	1,200	....	.....	.....	12 00	1 84	.....	.....	....	1	10	80	200	.....	200	.....
Total	3701	51	572	21	97	27	29	108,375	18	24,676	300 00	933 16	70 41	93 59	81 82	38,62	35	579	3739	13,377	1978½	14,320	13,803 30

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Concord	340	1	59	28	14	....	1	$7,000	....	.....	16 00	100 00	5 75	10 00	6 00	....	5	53	350	350	$125	$700	$700
Chichester	102	2	21	....	....	....	1	2,000	1	$1,000	1 50	7 00	1 00	1 00	1 25	....	1	14	80	380	60	330	330
Loudon	31	....	20	....	12	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	....	1	13	102	143	.....	.....	.....
Suncook	112	3	42	....	17	....	2	2,500	....	.....	4 25	13 00	.....	4 00	.....	....	3	18	180	300	40	450	450
Hooksett	52	....	9	....	2	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	2 20	.....	....	1	8	40	350	40	350	225
Bow	69	3	26	1	....	....	1	1,000	....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	....	1	10	60	300	.....	150	150
Manchester, First Ch.	54	2	3	1	....	....	1	1,700	1	800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	1	9	80	250	50	350	290
" St. Paul's.	330	4	10	....	8	2	1	8,000	....	.....	21 38	138 73	6 37	21 00	14 00	....	1	39	361	500	.....	700	700
Fisherville	64	4	16	1	9	....	1	2,000	....	.....	2 15	8 15	2 00	1 70	1 00	2 25	1	18	85	431	50	300	300
Salisbury	38	1	7	....	2	....	1	1,500	....	.....	.....	2 16	.....	.....	.....	....	1	11	60	200	.....	200	200
W. Salisbury & Warner	71	1	15	1	14	1	½	350	....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	1 00	.....	....	2	16	155	300	.....	.....	.....
Webster	45	2	5	1	8	....	1	1,000	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	1	12	65	230	.....	.....	.....
Wilmot	88	2	....	1	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	3 00	20 00	1 25	1 25	1 50	....	1	6	35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bristol	225	4	15	2	2	....	1	3,000	1	1,800	6 75	256 92	.....	15 10	2 90	....	1	20	180	500	75	500	.....
Alexandria & Hebron	75	....	12	1	....	....	....	.....	1	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sanbornton Bridge	250	2	12	3	10	....	1	10.000	1	1,500	12 00	112 00	.....	12 00	7 00	....	2	25	200	504	75	600	600
Gilmanton	74	1	16	....	2	1	1	1,200	1	500	.....	10 00	1 70	1 00	.....	....	1	8	50	140	50	325	325
E. Sanbornton	85	1	29	....	6	....	1	1,200	1	300	.....	15 00	.....	7 22	.....	....	1	15	60	425	.....	250	.....
Laconia	64	3	21	1	15	....	....	.....	....	.....	1 00	5 00	1 00	4 90	1 00	....	1	17	140	200	75	500	500
Plymouth	164	4	12	....	....	....	1	3,000	1	1,500	8 00	50 00	5 47	5 50	5 00	5 00	1	21	220	400	75	500	500
Rumney	72	1	15	....	1	....	1	1,000	....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	....	1	11	65	300	28	300	300
Warren	120	4	21	2	8	4	1	2,600	....	.....	5 10	20 00	2 90	13 87	2 00	....	1	22	110	200	.....	375	305
Piermont	75	1	10	....	4	....	1	2,500	....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	1 00	....	2	16	65	295	.....	230	230
Haverhill & E. Haver'l	71	5	13	1	1	....	2	2.500	....	.....	1 75	14 03	2 00	3 00	.....	....	2	24	170	700	50	400	400
North Haverhill	63	....	28	1	2	....	1	1,500	....	.....	12 00	28 50	.....	8 00	4 00	....	1	12	100	.....	.....	300	350
Bath and Benton	77	2	24	....	....	....	....	.....	1	800	3 00	7 00	.....	1 12	1 41	....	2	29	150	460	50	400	375
Landaff	100	3	34	....	....	....	1	2,000	1	1,500	8 00	41 00	1 65	7 00	1 75	....	2	23	175	250	100	500	500
Lisbon and Lyman	166	3	20	2	7	....	1½	4,500	1	1,000	10 00	31 00	3 00	10 00	3 00	4 06	4	50	225	610	65	515	515
Monroe	30	....	12	....	....	....	1	1,800	....	.....	1 50	3 50	.....	1 50	50	....	1	7	65	.....	.....	125	125
Littleton	123	2	33	....	4	....	1	3.500	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Whitefield & Bethl'em.	100	....	4	....	....	....	1	2,000	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson	18	1	25	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	4 00	1 20	.....	1 50	....	3	30	175	150	.....	.....	.....
Lancaster	134	1	35	1	8	2	1	3.000	1	1,000	6 00	20 25	2 00	6 17	2 25	1 40	3	30	147	350	100	525	.....
Milan, Stratf'd & Stark	104	....	68	2	7	....	2½	2,000	1	150	2 00	5 00	1 75	3 00	60	70	7	40	225	700	.....	400	226
Columbia	94	1	9	2	....	....	1½	1.200	1	400	1 00	8 05	2 61	.....	.....	....	2	10	70	400	40	325	325
Tuftonboro & Wolfboro	90	7	27	....	....	....	1	1,800	1	650	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	....	1	14	70	325	65	375	375
Moultonboro'	35	....	14	....	2	....	1	500	....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	8 66	5 00	....	1	9	60	200	50	350	.....
Sandwich	159	2	39	....	11	....	1	2,500	1	1,000	8 50	23 00	2 50	13 00	2 00	2 00	1	24	164	460	75	500	500
South Tamworth	58	....	21	....	3	1	1	1,500	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	1	8	80	100	30	300	300
Total	4022	73	802	52	179	11	35½	81,850	17	14,700	134 88	973 79	44 15	163 19	74 66	15 41	62	692	4619	11,403	1,368	12,125	10,096

STATISTICS OF CLAREMONT DISTRICT, NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE, FOR 1863.

Circuits & Stations.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				Rent.	Estimates.	Receipts.
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Preach.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages	Probable Value.	Conferen'e Claimants.	Missionary Society.	Tract Soc.	Bible Society.	S S.Union	N. E. Education.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.			
Claremont	287	4	37	6	12	....	1	$7,000	..	.....	$15 00	$60 00	$10 00	$10 00	$6 00	.....	1	30	300	1,000	$100	$600	$600 00
Newport	140	4	10	....	5	....	1	3,500	1	$1,800	7 00	45 00	8 00	9 00	2 64	.....	1	24	165	500	100	600	600 00
Unity	75	1	8	....	....	....	1	1.000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20	95	300	.....	.....	.....
North Charlestown	59	1	4	....	3	....	1	1,500	..	.....	.....	10 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	11	87	650	30	350	335 00
Cornish	54	2	8	....	....	....	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	11	65	300	15	300	182 00
Sunapee	52	....	13	1	9	....	1	2,000	..	.....	.....	7 56	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	77	245	50	400	400 00
Croydon	48	4	10	1	....	....	1	1,000	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10	75	300	45	300	300 00
North Grantham	73	....	11	....	6	....	1	1.000	1	500	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10	50	125	50	300	300 00
Lebanon	168	5	15	1	13	....	1	3,300	1	1,500	7 25	47 15	9 00	9 25	3 00	.....	1	17	120	600	75	500	500 00
North Enfield	50	....	14	....	5	....	1	2,300	..	.....	2 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1	8	62	400	.....	400	400 00
Enfield Centre and Springfield	47	1	2	....	4	....	1	1,500	..	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	20	125	300	.....	400	400 00
Canaan	123	3	28	....	4	1	1	1,400	1	900	11 21	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	9	30	350	50	425	425 00
Newbury and Sutton	10	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Washington	41	....	19	3	6	....	2	1,200	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	21	100	250	.....	200	175 58
Hillsboro' Centre	73	1	7	2	3	....	..	.....	..	.....	.....	15 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	13	91	150	.....	300	300 00
Hillsboro' Bridge	40	1	6	....	....	....	1	2,500	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	8	65	250	.....	300	300 00
Henniker	81	2	18	....	....	2	1	4,000	1	800	2 35	12 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 51	1	16	150	400	50	350	350 00
Deering and Antrim	89	1	3	....	....	....	1	1,500	1	300	.....	1 25	1 00	.....	.....	1 85	2	14	114	600	25	375	375 00
Windsor	13	1	....	....	....	....	1	1,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	25	300	.....	100	100 00
Lempster	67	1	1	....	....	....	1	800	1	300	2 67	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	80	300	20	320	320 00
South Acworth	34	....	2	1	....	....	1	1,800	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	8	55	180	.....	.....	.....
East Alstead and Gilsum	64	1	5	....	....	....	..	.....	..	.....	4 00	11 00	1 00	4 25	2 25	.....	1	11	60	200	.....	300	275 00
Marlow and Stoddard	94	4	6	....	....	1	1	1,500	1	600	5 25	22 06	3 61	1 75	2 03	2 57	2	18	130	412	50	392	392 00
Surry and Walpole	25	1	....	....	....	....	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Keene	110	....	9	2	2	....	1	3,200	..	.....	5 25	35 00	2 12	.....	.....	.....	1	15	139	275	80	500	500 00
Chesterfield	77	....	8	....	1	....	1	1,500	..	.....	.....	22 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	18	100	400	30	450	480 00
Winchester	155	3	10	....	....	....	1	3,800	1	900	5 00	2 00	.....	8 00	3 00	.....	1	21	125	503	60	460	425 00
Hinsdale	50	....	11	....	1	....	..	.....	..	.....	4 00	33 26	2 50	1 00	.....	2 00	1	12	65	597	50	375	375 00
Marlboro' & Pottersville	99	....	12	....	....	....	2	1,000	..	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	14	85	450	40	350	350 00
Peterboro'	70	3	17	....	....	....	1	2,000	1	800	2 00	10 60	2 30	2 41	1 15	.....	1	13	100	300	50	450	450 00
Rindge	75	1	6	....	....	1	1	1,000	1	500	2 25	16 40	1 00	1 50	1 10	1 05	1	10	100	300	50	400	300 00
New Ipswich	36	....	6	....	....	....	1	1,500	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10	75	200	18	350	325 00
Brookline and Amherst	40	....	3	1	....	....	1	3,000	..	.....	4 25	11 00	2 00	2 25	1 00	1 00	1	14	84	300	50	350	350 00
Nashua, Lowell St.	183	4	19	1	7	4	1	4.500	1	1,000	12 00	30 50	.....	4 00	5 00	5 00	1	24	164	300	125	700	700 00
" Chestnut St.	170	2	....	1	....	1	1	7.250	..	.....	15 00	135 00	5 00	10 00	9 00	4 80	1	17	187	470	130	700	700 00
Goffstown	26	1	5	1	....	....	1	1,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10	30	100	.....	200	200 00
Total	2898	52	333	21	81	10	32	$69,550	13	$10,400	$106 48	$575 93	$47 53	$69 41	$36 17	$19 78	42	486	3,375	12,307	1,343	$12,597	12164 58

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Numbers.				Bapt's.		Church Property.				Salary.		
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Rent.	Estimate.	Receipts.
In 1863,	10,624	176	1707	94	357	48	96	$259.775	48	$49,775	$4,689 50	$39,042 00	$36,063 88
" 1862,	10,761	166	1793	100	278	64	104	253,750	51	48,529	4,368 00	42,030 37	39,603 88
Increase,		10			79			6,025		1,246	321 50		
Decrease,	137		86	6		16	8		3			2,988 37	3,540 00

	Benevolent Contributions.						Sunday Schools.		
	Conference Claimants.	Missions.	Tract Society.	Bible Society.	S. S. Union.	New England Education Society.	Schools.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
In 1863,	$541 36	$2,482 88	$162 09	$326 19	$192 65	$73 81	139	11,733	37,047
" 1862,	465 27	2,024 91	160 38	201 27	194 51	38 26	142	11,904	37,020
Increase,	76 09	457 97	1 71	124 92		35 55			27
Decrease,					1 86		3	171	

TIME FOR TAKING THE CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

Tract Cause.....May.
N. E. Education Society.....July.
Bible Cause.....September.
S. S. Union.....November.
Missions.....January.
Preachers' Aid.....March.

N. B. — By a resolution of the Conference it is ordered that all statistics and Conference collections, carefully done up in separate packages, and distinctly marked, shall be delivered to the Statistical Committee, on or before the close of the session in the morning of the second day.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

FIRST YEAR.

Bible Doctrines.....C. R. Harding.
Watson's Institutes, First Part.....Wm. H. Jones.
Wesley's Perfection and Fletcher's Appeal.....C. H. Chase.
Clark's Mental Discipline.....J. Currier.

SECOND YEAR.

Bible Sacraments.....C. Holman.
Watson's Institutes, Second Part.....G. S. Dearborn.
Peck's and Fletcher's Perfection.....E. Smith.
Methodist Discipline.....L. Howard.
Strickland's Manual of Biblical Literature, and Mitchell's Ancient Geography.....S. Beedle.

THIRD YEAR.

Biblical History and Chronology.....D. P. Leavitt.
Watson's Institutes, Third Part.....O. H. Jasper.
Butler's Analogy.....C. M. Dinsmore.
Peck's Rule of Faith.....G. N. Bryant.
Hibbard on Baptism and Ruter's Church History.....L. J. Hall.
Blair's Lectures and Hedge's Logic.....C. Young.

FOURTH YEAR.

Review of the Whole Course.....J. Hall.
Watson's Institutes, Fourth Part.....A. J. Church.
Claude's Essay and Horne's Introduction.....O. H. Call.
Stewart's Mental Philosophy.....Wm. Hewes.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL, AND FOR LOCAL DEACON'S ORDERS.

The Presiding Elders.

To preach the Missionary Sermon — S. G. Kellogg. Alternate — R. S. Stubbs.

To preach the Conference Sermon — A. C. Manson. Alternate — J. W. Adams.

NEW ENGLAND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Vice-President — E. Adams.
Directors — Rev. E. Smith, Hon. T. L. Tullock.

STATISTICAL COMMITTEE FOR 1864.

L. J. Hall, C. U. Dunning.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

President — N. CULVER.
Vice-President — A. J. CHURCH.
Secretary — CHARLES YOUNG.
Treasurer — L. J. HALL.

TRACT SOCIETY.

President — E. ADAMS.
Vice-Presidents — J. HALL, E. SMITH.
Secretary — CHARLES YOUNG.
Treasurer — WM. HEWES.
Managers of the Tract Society — T. L. TULLOCK, Esq., Portsmouth, C. L BUSWELL, Lebanon.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION.

That our educational interests are of vast importance, and in many respects paramount to all others, is evident, when we duly consider the power of knowledge, the influence of cultivated mind, the inestimable value to the world of sound moral culture and general Christian intelligence. The well-disciplined intellect, when combined with a sanctified heart, possesses, by the blessing of God, a mighty potency for good. Truth is disseminated, error is exposed, and the principles of our holy religion established in the hearts of men. The age calls for intelligent piety. Infidelity, falsehood and irreligion threaten to engulf the land. Our sons and daughters must be educated — religiously and *thoroughly educated.*

Our fathers and the pioneers of our denomination have not been unmindful of the claims of education — the importance of true literary, moral and religious training. They have founded schools and colleges. They have laid the foundation, broad and deep, on which we may rear the grand superstructure. Let us not forget that learning without *piety* may not prove a blessing, but a *curse.* There must be moral regeneration — the development of the religious nature. We would acknowledge our humble and devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the spirit of revival and true holiness that has so graciously pervaded our institutions of learning. Scarcely a term passes without souls being converted to God, and seasons of refreshing from his holy presence richly enjoyed.

As to the literary merits of our schools, the standard is high; and for the most part noble and vigorous efforts are made to bring our schools up to the

standard, and keep them there. Our seminaries of learning should be looked after. The visitors appointed should faithfully and conscientiously attend to the duties assigned to them; — see to it that the instruction given be thorough, systematic, fundamental and prompt, that habits of patient, earnest, critical research be formed on the part of the student. Anything that is worth doing at all, is worth doing *well*. Recitations conducted in a listless, slovenly and superficial manner, are but a fruitful waste of time. If our schools are not in all respects what they *ought* to be, then *make* them what they ought to be. There is money enough in the church to furnish the necessary funds to support honorably our institutions, and it will be forthcoming when their claims are properly presented to our people.

The Report of the Wesleyan University to this Conference shows that it is enjoying its usual prosperity. It is well and nobly represented by the large number of its alumni and students who have entered the army as officers, chaplains, or soldiers. The number of the students is one hundred and fifty. Of these 114 are professedly pious, and thirty-five are licensed preachers, several of whom are intending to devote themselves to the missionary work. There is good evidence, both from its annual exhibit before us and from other sources, that the present administration and discipline in this Institution are worthy of our full confidence. Our Institutions already existing, if properly endowed, are amply sufficient to meet all our educational wants.

The Biblical Institute, now in the sixteenth year of its existence, is bravely and successfully holding on in its high and holy mission in the church of Christ. This "school of the prophets," in view of the peculiar state of the country, may be reported in a prosperous condition. The number of students during the past year has been fifty-three. The God of our fathers has been with the brethren there, blessing them in their studies and in their Sabbath labors. Additions have been made to the Library by its noble and generous friends. It would seem that if collections were taken in all the appointments, as ordered by the patronizing Conferences, the debt hanging upon the treasury for some years past would be speedily liquidated.

The New England Education Society has important claims upon us. Many pious young men — called of God to the office and work of the ministry — are struggling against poverty to receive those attainments which, by the blessing of God, will make them workmen that need not be ashamed. They need, and they should have, pecuniary assistance.

The plan adopted by its Board of Managers for raising the sum of $2,000, by dividing it among the Conferences, meets our approval. It appears that, in addition to the five beneficiaries now receiving its aid, there are from thirty to forty young men in our schools, fitting for the ministry, who equally deserve assistance. Much is expected of our young men. The standard of pulpit and ministerial qualifications is high, and, from the great amount of labor devolving upon them after entering upon their calling, it is evident they must receive a good and thorough preparation.

We would nominate the following persons as visitors to our various institutions of learning: —

Biblical Institute. — Rev. O. H. Call, Rev. S. G. Kellogg, Rev. C. Holman, Rev. Wm. Hewes, Rev. C. Young.

N. H. Conference Seminary and Female College. — Prof. J. W. Merrill, D. D., of Concord, Rev. D. P. Leavitt, Rev. C. M. Dinsmore, Rev. R. S. Stubbs, Rev. H. L. Kelsey, Rev. J. Wagner, Hon. T. L. Tullock, of Portsmouth, Hon. N. S. Berry, of Hebron, Hon. O. F. Fowler, of Bristol, G. W. Wendell, Esq., of Great Falls, Ira E. Chase, M. D., of Haverhill, Mass., Rev. C. Curtis, and C. B. Willis, M. D., of Sanbornton Bridge.

Wesleyan University. — Rev. Henry Lummis, Rev. Albert C. Manson. Substitutes — Rev. S. Holman, Rev. J. Thurston.

BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

The Committee to whom was referred the circular relating to the procuring of funds for the erection of suitable buildings for the Biblical Institute and adequately endowing the same, present the following report: —

Whereas the Trustees of the Methodist General Biblical Institute, in their last annual meeting, unanimously adopted the following resolution, to wit —

Resolved, That in view of the approaching Centennial celebration of American Methodism, we recommend as a thank-offering to Almighty God on that occasion, the raising of a sum sufficient to procure suitable buildings for the Methodist General Biblical Institute, and one hundred thousand dollars at least for its adequate endowment, and

Whereas, a Committee was appointed by the said Trustees to suggest to the patronizing Conferences a plan for the raising of these sums, which plan the said Committee have presented in the following resolutions for our adoption, and

Whereas, in our opinion the time has fully come when the church should have a school for the training of our ministry adapted in all respects to her position and enterprise, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of the New Hampshire Annual Conference, cordially approve of the recommendation in the foregoing resolution, and will heartily coöperate with the other Conferences patronizing the Institution in such measures for securing the objects named as may be deemed advisable.

Resolved, That in order better to secure harmony and efficiency of action, we will appoint a committee of three ministers and three laymen, who, in conjunction with similar committees that may be appointed by the other patronizing Conferences, shall be authorized to mature and carry out plans for raising the above-named sums, to receive propositions for the site, and to determine the future location of the Institution, and to do such other acts as may be necessary for the furtherance of these objects.

Resolved (the other Conferences concurring), That Bishop Baker be the Chairman of this Committee, and that he be requested to call its first meeting as early in the month of May ensuing as may be practicable.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE SEMINARY.

The Committee on the New Hampshire Conference Seminary and Female College present the following resolutions as their report: —

1. *Resolved*, That the New Hampshire Conference Seminary and Female College stands prominent among the trusts which God has put into our hands, and that affection, interest and obligation combine to impel us to do all in our power for its promotion and prosperity.

2. *Resolved*, That amid the misfortune and calamity that has come upon us in the destruction of our Seminary by fire, we still find cause for encouragement and gratitude to God in the fact that, owing to the energy and fidelity of our able Principal, Rev. Professor Lummis, and his accomplished assistants, our school has still been remarkably prosperous and successful.

3. *Resolved*, That we are impressed with the conviction that, in the adjustment of all questions and the consummation of arrangements growing out of the destruction of the old buildings and the erection of new ones, involving necessary changes, the utmost harmony of feeling and coöperation should prevail among the friends of the institution.

4. *Resolved*, That our acknowledgments are due to our soliciting agent, Rev. S. Holman, for his faithful, efficient and successful efforts in raising funds during the past year, and that we still commend him to the confidence, as we do his noble mission to the favor, of the church and the friends of education generally.

5. *Resolved*, That we gratefully recognize the liberality of many of the patrons of Christian education, who have nobly come forward to aid our cause in the time of its need; that our obligations are especially due to the Messrs. S. D. and H. W. Smith, of Boston, for the gift of one of their valuable and beautiful School Harmoniums for the use of our Seminary.

6. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as the literary institutions of other denominations have shared to some extent in the benefactions of the State, we cause petitions to be circulated throughout the Conference, praying the next legislature of New Hampshire to appropriate the sum of ——— dollars to aid us in repairing the loss we have sustained in the destruction of our institution by fire.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

The state of our beloved country is such as to give pain to every patriotic, humane and pious heart. The civil war brought upon us by the slavery propagandists still rages with unwavering purpose and gathering force. The pre-eminently happy government established by our fathers, to which the providence of God manifestly guided them, under which we have attained our unparalleled greatness in breadth of domain, wealth, population, intelligence and morality, to which the laboring classes of all nations, the bone and sinew of the race, look as to the standard of the people, is furiously and madly assailed by the serpent it has warmed in its own bosom.

Our government, like God's own, was made for man; not for aristocracies, nor any other classes, but eminently for man. And it commends itself to all men. It is the light of the civil world. It encourages enterprise, inspires effort, and rewards industry in all classes. The rebellion attempts its de-

struction. Every feeling of the soul revolts at the spectacle. Piety, patriotism and humanity are outraged. To defend such a government is a work in which Christians may well engage.

We, however, recognize in this state of affairs the chastisement of God. He afflicts to correct, not willingly, but for our good. David recognizes this discipline. So he afflicts nations. That nation which will not proclaim, defend and walk in the truth he gives it,— be it Christian or pagan light,— God will chastise, rebuke and trouble; and if it will not repent and reform, he will hurl it to destruction. God loved his ancient covenant people, but what people has been more grievously afflicted? And long ago he sent them away as wanderers upon the face of the earth, having no country to call their own.

As a nation we are guilty. We have not kept the law of the Lord. The principles of human freedom which compose the corner-stone of our state we have not defended. The pious zeal of infancy we have allowed to cool. The most favored cannot safely be the most faithless people.

But, though sad, we are hopeful. We do not despair of the republic. "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." Whom he hates he judges. The success of the rebellion, thus far, has not been such as to excite any substantial fears of its final triumph, or to shake our confidence in its reduction. On the other hand, the elements of our power are not exhausted; indeed, they are scarcely disturbed. So vast and varied are they, that they are not yet fairly arranged and combined into effective power. We are not taxed to half our ability, in men or money. The inventive genius of our mechanics is only well stimulated, not exhausted. The patience of the people wanes, but waxes again. The patriotism of the people is pure and steady, only wavering a little here and there through the dying struggles of designing and desperate demagogues.

We conclude with the following resolutions: —

1. That we have full confidence in the President of the United States; that we recognize in him and his chosen cabinet a necessary part of the government which, as Christian men and loyal citizens, we are bound to sustain in all lawful and constitutional measures to defend and carry on the government; and that we tender to him our warmest sympathies and most fervent prayers in his arduous and perplexing duties.

2. That we heartily approve the "Emancipation Proclamation," so called; believing it to be a step in the right direction, whether it wholly corrects the evil aimed at or not; that it is not only justifiable, but called for by the exigencies of the times; that it is a measure well calculated, sooner or later, to relax the vital energies of the rebellion, and also to enlist the sympathies and engage the services of the race so long oppressed, in behalf of the government that offers them liberty.

3. That the valiant services in the field command our highest admiration; that while we admire their valor, efficiency, achievements and endurance, we extend to them our sympathies and prayers for their welfare and comfort in camp, field, or hospital, and their speedy and triumphant return to their homes; that we "weep with them that weep" for the fallen, and commend them to the "widow's God," the "Father of the fatherless," to "Him that sticketh closer than a brother," and who is "better to them than ten sons."

4. That, believing in the justice of our cause, the loyalty of the people, the ample resources of the government, and in the pardoning mercy of God, we confidently expect to see the rebellion subdued, and peace and prosperity restored to the country.

5. That we will, wherever practicable, hold monthly meetings of prayer for our country.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

While it is gratifying to learn that many of our churches have within a few years past increased their preachers' salaries, it is with pain that we learn that some of our preachers are still compelled to report deficiency, and are subjected to the stern necessity of engaging in other pursuits to obtain the necessaries of life.

In view of the importance of this subject, your Committee recommend that, as each society desire the most efficient labor from their pastor, they should see to it that he is entirely released from the painful necessity of asking, What shall we eat? wherewithal shall we be clothed?

All our people, whatever their circumstances may be, should be made to feel and realize that pecuniary support of public worship is a duty they should perform according to the ability God has given them, and that this duty should be performed by rule, steadily and regularly as they would provide the necessaries and comforts of life for their own families.

As early in the Conference year as practicable let the stewards ascertain the amount necessary to be raised. Let early and efficient measures be adopted to raise this amount, either by apportionment or voluntary subscriptions, to be paid in monthly or quarterly instalments. Let this duty be urged upon the people from the pulpit, and also enforced by the stewards, leaders, and members of the church and congregation.

TOBACCO.

We very much regret the necessity which compels us again to pass our condemnation upon the habitual use of tobacco.

The members of our congregations, of our Sunday schools and of our churches use it, and in more ways than one are injured by it.

Humiliating as it may be, we must confess that a few of the members of this Conference still "roll it as a sweet morsel under their tongues," or muse amid its fumes.

We believe that "there is an irrepressible conflict" between this habit and the gospel which they preach, and that it is an infraction of the spirit of their baptismal and ordination vows. It is therefore our duty to agitate the subject until a purer sentiment shall prevail, and the improper use of tobacco ceases.

The use of this subtle poison, in the sense contemplated by this report, we do not hesitate to say is *sinful*. It is a sin against the *physical system*, the

mental constitution and *human society*. It is a sin against the soul, and against Almighty God, to whom we are responsible for the development, preservation and consistent use of all our powers.

The use of tobacco in this Christian nation turns into the channels of sensual gratification more money than is contributed for the spread of the gospel in heathen lands; and, at the same time, nine-tenths of those who use it confess that it is decidedly injurious.

With these views and facts before us, your Committee would most earnestly and affectionately urge their brethren in the ministry who indulge in the vile and disgusting habit, to abandon it at once, and to use their influence in the communities where they live, to educate the consciences of the people in this matter, so that the guilty may reform and the innocent beware.

Finally, we repeat what we have resolved for two years past, "that it is inexpedient for this Conference to admit to membership therein any person who is addicted to the habitual use of tobacco."

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

1. *Resolved*, That we have reason for gratitude to Almighty God for the success that has attended the prosecution of the Sabbath-school enterprise within the bounds of this Conference, during the past year, as is manifest from the increase in nearly all the items of the report.

2. *Resolved*, That in view of the manifest utility that has been realized in Sabbath-school Conventions, we therefore recommend that such conventions be held at various places in the several districts, so far as practicable, the coming year.

3. *Resolved*, That in view of the fact that the Sunday-school books and periodicals, published by our Book Concern, in respect to variety, quality and cheapness, cannot be exceeded, if equalled, by any similar institution, we recommend all schools making additions to their libraries to make application to our excellent agent at Boston, J. P. Magee.

Whereas, There is a disposition manifested in certain localities in our Conference to use the Lord's Day for the burial of the dead, frequently with extended services, and sometimes with public parade, greatly to the detriment of our regular religious services, and especially to the harm of our Sabbath schools, oftentimes preventing their gathering for several consecutive Sabbaths, — therefore,

Resolved, That while we, as ministers of Christ, would seek ever to show due sympathy with the afflicted, and respond to all reasonable calls for our services in connection with the burial of their dead, we will, for the reasons above stated, use our influence among our people to discourage the appointment of funeral services on the Sabbath, except in cases that are clearly justifiable.

MEMOIR.

Rev. Elijah Mason was a native of Cavendish, Vt., and at an early age was converted to God. He joined Conference in 1829, and died in Rockport, Mass., March, 1863, aged 56. The health of Bro. M. was never good, and several years of his ministry were passed as a superannuated preacher. During these years, however, he was interested and active, to the full extent of his ability, in the ministerial work. He filled some of our most important stations, and on all his fields of labor was acceptable and useful.

Bro. M. was emphatically a good man, and a good preacher. Always kind, affectionate and prudent, he may be taken as the model of a true Christian gentleman and minister. He never sought exemption from labor or sacrifice. He was free from vain ambition and all selfishness.

> "For other aims his heart had learned to prize,
> More bent to *raise* the *wretched* than to rise."

Many good men have gone to heaven from our ranks, but a purer, lovelier spirit has never left us for that brighter world.

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

The letters denote their present relation: P., *Probationer.* D., *Deacon.* E., *Elder.* Sup., *Superannuate.* The place mentioned is their post-office address, so far as it is known. The figures in the first column are the date of their admission into the Conference; those in the second column, whether it is the first or second year in the appointment.

A.

1813.	Adams, John F.	E.	Greenland	Sup.
1834.	Adams, James	E.	Raymond	1
1836.	Adams, Elisha	E.	Concord	P. E. 1
1858.	Adams, John W.	E.	North Salem	1

B.

1860.	Babcock, D C.	D.	Salem Depot	1
1844.	Barber, D. W.	E.	Columbia	1
1857.	Barnes, Geo. S.	E.	Greenland	1
1859.	Bailey, N. M.	D.	Henniker	1
1861.	Bean, Jas. M.	D.	Landaff	1
1842.	Beedle, Samuel	E.	Kingston	1
1839.	Boyden, Jesse	E.	Woodstock, Vt.	Sup.
1849.	Bryant, Geo. N.	E.	Bristol	1
1850.	Buckley, Jas. M.	E.	Concord	1

C.

1827.	Cass, Wm. D.	E.	Sanbornton Bridge	1
1853.	Call, O. H.	E.	Londonderry	1
1860.	Carter, Truman	D.	Jefferson	2
1835.	Clough, John	E.	Afton, Iowa	Sup.
1841.	Clark, G. W. H.	E.	Nashua	1
1839.	Chase, Chas. H.	E.	Haverhill, N. H.	2
1842.	Chase, N. L.	E.	Candia	1
1853.	Chandler, Henry	E.	Sandown	2
1861.	Cilley, Moses T.	D.	Chichester	2
1828.	Cowing, Chas.	E.	Lisbon	Sup.
1830.	Currier, John	E.	Sandwich Centre	1
1833.	Culver, Newell	E.	Lebanon	1
1859.	Cushman, L. P.	E.	Bethlehem	1
1860.	Copp, Henry B.	D.	Auburn	1
1863.	Coult, Anson C.	P.	New Alstead	1

D.

1857.	Danforth, R. E.	E.	Keene	2
1836.	Dearborn, Reuben	E.	Canaan	1
1843.	Dearborn, Geo. S.	E.	Lisbon	2
1853.	Dinsmore, C. M.	E.	Great Falls	2
1863.	DeForrest, Jas. A.	P.	West Haverhill, Mass.	1
1850.	Draper, Lorenzo	E.	Rindge	1
1853.	Dudley, S. S.	P.	Marlboro'	1
1854.	Dunning, C. U.	E.	East Canaan	2

E.

1848.	Eastman, L. L.	E.	Peterboro'	2
1860.	Eaton, Geo. F.	D.	Brookline	1
1844.	Emerson, J. C.	E.	In the Army	
1838.	English, John	E.	Rumney	1
1841.	Evans, Warren F.	E.	Claremont	Sup.

F.

1859.	Fawcett, Joseph	E.	Bath	2
1838.	Folsom, Abraham	E.	Epping	1
1858.	Fowler, Thomas L.	D.	Chesterfield	Sup.

G.

1832.	Gordon, L. H.	E.	Quincy, Ill.	Sup.
1831.	Green, Silas	E.	Loudon Mills	2
1856.	Green, Nelson	E.	Plymouth	1
1846.	Guernsey, J. W.	E.	Winchester	2

H.

1841.	Hayes, Joseph	E.	Sunapee	2
1841.	Hartwell, H. H.	E.	Claremont	2
1829.	Harding, C. R.	E.	East Salisbury, Mass.	2
1861.	Hardy, A. C.	D.	Croydon	1
1860.	Hatch, Alonzo P.	D.	Marlow	1
1847.	Hall, Jonathan	E.	Manchester	1
1855.	Hall, L. J.	E.	Dover	1
1855.	Harrington, C. S.	E.	Middletown, Conn.	1
1850.	Heath, S. P.	E.	Lancaster	1
1843.	Hewes, William	E.	Hudson	2
1810.	Hinds, Orlando	E.	Chester	Sup.
1809.	Hoyt, Benjamin R.	E.	Salem	Sup.
1839.	Howard, Lewis	E.	Suncook	1
1833.	Howard, A. K.	E.	Paper Mill Village	Sup.
1843.	Holman, Sullivan	E.	Portsmouth	1
1846.	Holman, Calvin	E.	Rochester	1
1856.	Holman, J. B.	E.	Methuen, Mass.	2
1847.	Hooper, Josiah	E.	Warren	1
1852.	Homan, Chas. R.	E.	Moultonboro'	1
1857.	Humphriss, R. W.	D.	Haverhill, Mass.	1
1863.	Harcourt, Richard	P.	East Sanbornton	1

J.

1859.	Jasper, O. H	E.	Sanbornton Bridge	1
1856.	Jones, Wm. H.	E.	Nashua	1

K.

1850.	Kellogg, S. G.	E.	Newport	2
1863.	Kelsey, Hiram L.	P.	Union	1
1831.	Kidder, Amos	E.	Unity	Sup.

L.

1827.	Ladd, Nathaniel	E.	Sanbornton Bridge	Sup.
1851.	Lee, Daniel	E.	Hillsboro', Ill.	Sup.
1850.	Leavitt, D. P.	E.	Concord	1
1861.	Lummis, Henry	P.	Sanbornton Bridge	

M.

1858.	Manly, R. M.	D.	In the Army	1
1845.	Manson, A. C.	E.	Portsmouth	P. E. 1
1854.	Martin, Nelson	E.	Tuftonboro'	1
1855.	Matteson, H. A.	E.	Manchester Centre	1

N.

1825.	Newhall, Matthew	E.	Epping	Sup.
1827.	Newhall, Richard	E.	North Grantham	Sup.
1818.	Norris, Samuel	E.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Sup.
1863.	Noyes, Geo. S.	P.	North Haverhill	1
1834.	Nutter, Henry	E.	Londonderry	Sup.

P.

1840.	Pike, Jas.	E.	In the Army.	
1855.	Prescott, L. W.	E.	Hinsdale.	2

Q.

1831.	Quimby, Silas.	E.	Newbury, Vt.	1
1863.	Quimby, Silas E.	P.	Littleton.	1

R.

1843.	Rogers, G. W. T.	E.	Hampstead.	2
1860.	Ryder, Freeman.	D.	Seabrook	2

S.

1815.	Scarritt, J. A.	E.	Sandwich Centre.	Sup.
1825.	Scott, Elihu.	E.	Salem	Sup.
1860.	Sherman, Moses.	D.	Gilmanton.	2
1826.	Smith, Jas. G.	E.	Plymouth.	Sup.
1828.	Smith, Eleazer	E.	South New Market.	1
1829.	Smith, John	E.	Burke, Vt.	Sup.
1853.	Smith, Chas. H.	E.	Deering.	2
1856.	Smith, D. J.	E.	Fisherville.	1
1858.	Smith, E. A.	E.	Lebanon.	1
1823.	Spaulding, Justin.	E.	Moretown, Vt.	Sup.
1835.	Stevens, Jacob.	E.	Newburyport, Mass.	Sup.
1855.	Stinchfield, J. P.	E.	Deerfield	2
1852.	Stubbs, R. S.	E.	Lawrence, Mass.	1
1860.	Stratton, F. K.	D.	In the Army.	

T.

1855.	Taggart, Irad	E.	Salem.	1
1839.	Tilton, Rufus.	E.	Derry.	1
1838.	Thurston, Jas.	E.	Concord.	P. E.
1861.	Thomas, Wm. H.	D.	Laconia.	1
1862.	Townsend, L. T.	P.	In the Army.	
1856.	Trefren, J. L.	E.	Newmarket.	1

W.

1862.	Wagner, Jesse.	P.	East Lempster.	2
1834.	Wells, Geo. F.	E.	Worcester, Vt.	Sup.
1859.	Whidden, S. F.	E.	Hampton	1
1824.	Wilbur, Warren.	E.	Chester.	Sup.
1835.	Wiggin, Silas.	E.	Sutton, Vt.	Sup.
1853.	Wilkins, E. R.	E.	Amesbury.	1
1837.	Woodward, C. B. M.	E.	Haverhill, N. H.	Sup.

Y.

1834.	Young, Jas. M.	E.	Manchester.	Sup.
1856.	Young, Chas.	E.	Great Falls	1

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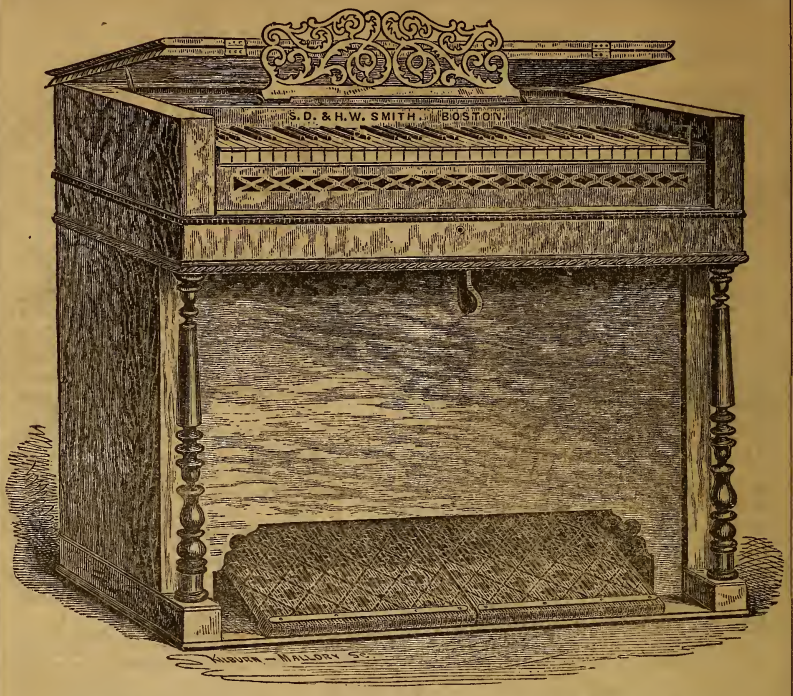

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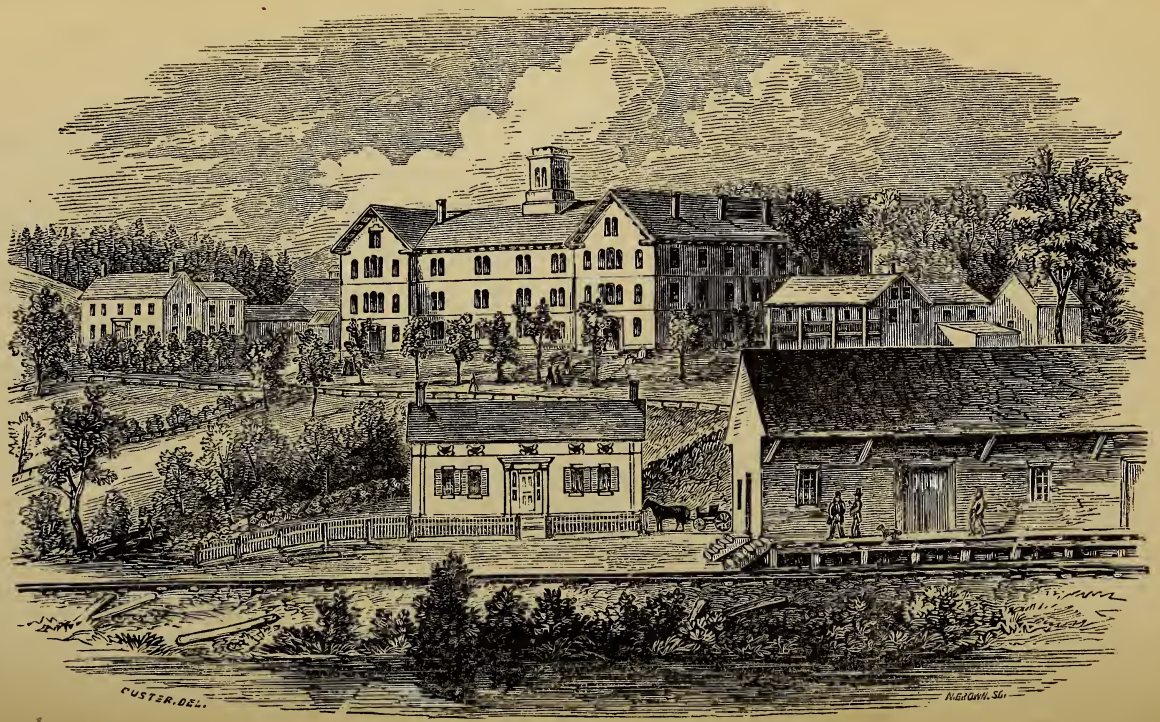

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